
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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BAKER, JUNE 2, 2023

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 2, 2023

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, providing for interstate compacts.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby resolves as follows:

5 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
6 Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

7 That Article III be amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 33. Interstate compacts.

9 The General Assembly shall not enact a law that authorizes
10 the Commonwealth to be a party to, or to participate in, an
11 interstate compact which has a term of more than 10 years or
12 which provides for an automatic renewal or extension of the
13 interstate compact, but the General Assembly may periodically
14 reauthorize the law for additional periods not to exceed 10
15 years and may renew or extend the term of an interstate compact
16 by a law enacted or joint resolution adopted no later than four
17 months nor more than 10 months prior to the general election

1 occurring before the expiration of the term of the interstate
2 compact.

3 Section 2. The following procedure applies to the proposed
4 constitutional amendment in this joint resolution:

5 (1) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of
6 the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall
7 proceed immediately to comply with the advertising
8 requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution
9 of Pennsylvania.

10 (2) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of
11 the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall
12 proceed immediately to comply with the advertising
13 requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution
14 of Pennsylvania. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall
15 submit the amendment to the qualified electors of this
16 Commonwealth at the first primary, general or municipal
17 election which meets the requirements of section 1 of Article
18 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.